#### COMPARISON OF AMERICAN AND CANADIAN PAVING.

Canadian and American paving brick have been put under comparative tests at Toronto, Ont. cost of Canadian vitrified brick at the lowest ruling prices was 941/4 cents per square yard, as compared with 97 cents for the American vitrified block. The standard abrasion test showed, after 1,000 revolutions, a loss of 17.7 per cent. for the Canadian and 11.8 per cent. for the American product. After 2,000 revolutions the losses were: Canalian, 26.2 per cent.; American, 17.6 per cent. In making the tests 110 samples of Canadian and 160 samples of American pavers were Out of 41,656 square yards used. of brick pavement constructed in Toronto in 1905, 10,415 square yards was laid with Canadian vitrified brick and 31,241 square yards with American vitrified block.

#### NOTES.

Jutras & Biron, brick manufacturers, Nicolet. Que., have registered. The new buildings of M. Brennan & Sons, manufacturers of derricks, dredges, etc., at Welland, Ont., have been completed and the company are moving into them.

The announcement has been made that the International Steel Company, Limited, have taken over the business of the St. Lawrence Supply Company, Limited, of Mon-treal. The plant of the company is to be extensively enlarged and the business will be in the hands of the old management.

A serious fire occured at the works of the Crescent Cement Works, at Longue Pointe, Que., last week but fortunately it was confined to the old buildings which were damaged by fire some time ago and reconstructed. The new buildings and plant now under con- 15 TORONTO STREET .

struction will be completed and ready for occupation in about two. weeks time. The company have not yet been able to estimate the loss sustained.

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